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Button at Siena Mulls Arbor Hill, Powell, CIA

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Arbor Hill, Adam Clayton Powell, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

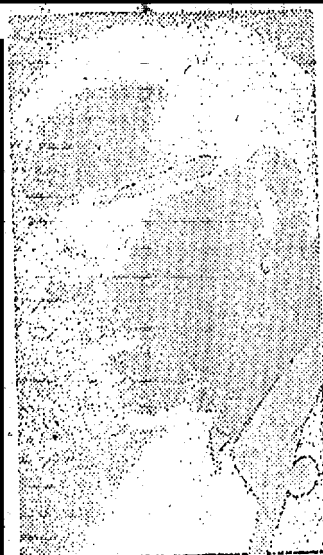
These subjects occupied the center of the stage yesterday at Siena College where Congressman Daniel E. Button discussed them informally with a small group of students.

Of Arbor Hill, Mr. Button said, "Something substantial, tangible must be done there before the hot weather. The alternative to that is a pretty dreadful one."

In answer to a student question as to why it is the Arbor Hill neighborhood which is troubled rather than some other, Mr. Button said it is, "A changing area. Lower Arbor Hill, principally Negro, is moving each season into areas which are principally white."

Some Backlash

"There is some element of backlash involved here," he said, adding that some persons he talked to in his "walk" through the area spoke of "Mis-



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him influence." He gave little credence to this, he said.

"The elements do exist for an improvement," beyond the short range action of the provision of more police protection, he said.

Of the action which barred Harlem Congressman Powell from his seat, and which Mr. Button opposed, he said it will lead to, "A head on collision between Congress and the federal courts."

Mr. Powell, will, he be-

lieves, "Be pretty successful in the courts. The courts will say, 'You cannot tell the people of Harlem who they can elect,' " he feels.

Bad Reflection

The action against Mr. Powell was taken, "Partially because of his color, partially because of his flamboyance, partially because he did not scurry for cover when trouble came," Mr. Button said. It is a bad reflection on Congress, he added, that Mr. Powell had to be judged without the guideline of a code of ethics.

Mr. Button called the CIA's action in secretly funding several organizations, including the National Student Association, against the American tradition of, "Openness, candor, and accountability."

It was done, he said, "For reasons which add up to an Un-American approach, that the end justifies the means." This he called, "fascism."

He said he hopes an investigation will follow which will, "Call a halt to this kind of practice."

On other subjects, Mr. Button said he favors a four-year term for congressmen and also selective service changes and an investigation of the possibility of a volunteer army.

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